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IN THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (canceled).

Claim 2 (previously presented): The strap fastener set according to claim 5 wherein the first ring is integrally formed on an internal side of the cylinder.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The strap fastener set according to claim 5 wherein the second ring is integrally formed on the rod.

Claim 4 (previously presented): The strap fastener set according to claim 8 including a joint for connecting the rod with the strap fastener.

Claim 5 (previously presented): A strap fastener set including a strap fastener for winding a first strap and a gauge provided between the strap fastener and a second strap, wherein the gauge includes:

- a cylinder tied with the second strap, the cylinder including a window defined therein and a scale provided thereon along the window;

- a first ring secured to the cylinder;

- a spring in the cylinder;

- a rod extending past the first ring through the spring for connection with the strap fastener;

- a second ring secured to the rod so that it is moved relative to the cylinder so as to compress the spring against the first ring as a tensile force is exerted on the straps, the second ring including an indicator formed thereon for cooperation with the scale in order to provide a reading of the tensile force; and

- a joint for connecting the rod with the strap fastener, wherein the joint includes a middle section pivotally connected with the rod and two terminal sections pivotally connected with the strap fastener.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The strap fastener set according to claim 5 including a third ring secured to the cylinder for connection with the second strap.

Claim 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (previously presented): A strap fastener set including a strap fastener for winding a first strap and a gauge provided between the strap fastener and a second strap, wherein the gauge includes:

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a cylinder tied with the second strap, the cylinder including a window defined therein and a scale provided thereon along the window;

a first ring secured to the cylinder;

a spring in the cylinder;

a rod extending past the first ring through the spring for connection with the strap fastener;

a second ring secured to the rod so that it is moved relative to the cylinder so as to compress the spring against the first ring as a tensile force is exerted on the straps, the second ring including an indicator formed thereon for cooperation with the scale in order to provide a reading of the tensile force;

a third ring secured to the cylinder for connection with the second strap; and

a bolt secured to the third ring for connection with the second strap.

Claim 9 (original): The strap fastener set according to claim 8 wherein the bolt is integrally formed on to the third ring.

Claim 10 (original): The strap fastener set according to claim 8 including a joint for connecting the second strap with the bolt.

Claim 11 (original): The strap fastener set according to claim 8 wherein the joint includes a middle section pivotally connected with the bolt and two terminal sections for supporting a pin to which the second strap is tied.

Claim 12 (previously presented): The strap fastener set according to claim 5 wherein the straps are integrated with each other.

Claim 13 (previously presented): The strap fastener set according to claim 5 wherein the strap fastener includes base, a reel pivotally put on the base, a lever pivotally installed on the reel, two ratchet wheels secured to the reel, a first detent movably installed on the base for engagement with the ratchet wheels and a second detent movably installed on the lever for engagement with the ratchet wheels, and the lever can be pivoted relative to the base so as to provide a one-way rotation of the reel via cooperation of the detents with the ratchet wheels.

Claims 14 and 15 (canceled).